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With all of the above and some other places where lack of clarity in the original manuscripts has led to multiple possible readings, significant variants are listed in footnotes. The reading that in our prayerful judgment is best is in the main text. Overall, the Open American Standard Version isn't very much different than several other good contemporary English translations of the Holy Bible. The message of Salvation through Jesus Christ is still the same. The point of this translation was not to be very different (except for legal status), but to update the ASV for readability while retaining or improving the accuracy of that well-respected translation and retaining the public domain status of the ASV.

2nd Chronicles
Chapter 1

[1] Solomon the son of David was firmly established in his kingdom, and Yahweh [*] his God[†] was with him, and made him exceedingly great. [2] Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, to the judges, and to every prince in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' households. [3] So Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for God's Tent of Meeting was there, which Yahweh's servant Moses had made in the wilderness. [4] But David had brought God's ark up from Kiriath Jearim to the place that David had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. [5] Moreover the bronze altar that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made was there before Yahweh's tabernacle; and Solomon and the assembly were seeking counsel there. [6] Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before Yahweh, which was at the Tent of Meeting, and offered one thousand burnt offerings on it.
[7] That night, God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask for what you want me to give you."
[8] Solomon said to God, "You have shown great loving kindness to David my father, and have made me king in his place. [9] Now, Yahweh God, let your promise to David my father be established; for you have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.[10] Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of yours?"
[11] God said to Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches, wealth, honor, or the life of those who hate you, nor yet have you asked for long life; but have asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge my people, over whom I have made you

king, [12] therefore wisdom and knowledge is granted to you. I will give you riches, wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had who have been before you had, and none after you will have."
[13] So Solomon came from the high place that was at Gibeon, from before the Tent of Meeting, to Jerusalem; and he reigned over Israel.
[14] Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen. He had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen that he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.[15] The king made silver and gold to be as common as stones in Jerusalem, and he made cedars to be as common as the sycamore trees that are in the lowland. [16] The horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt and from Kue. The king's merchants purchased them from Kue. [17] They brought up and brought out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred pieces of silver, and a horse for one hundred fifty.[‡] They also exported them to the Hittite kings and the Syrian[§] kings.

*__1:1__ "Yahweh" is God's proper Name, sometimes rendered "LORD" (all caps) in other translations.

†__1:1__ The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "אֱלֹהִים" (Elohim).

‡__1:17__ The pieces of silver were probably shekels, so 600 pieces would be about 13.2 lbs. or 6 kg. of silver, and 150 would be about 3.3 lbs. or 1.5 kg. of silver.

§__1:17__ or, Aramean

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Chapter 2

[1] Now Solomon decided to build a house for
Yahweh's name, and a house for his
kingdom.[2] Solomon counted out seventy
thousand men to bear burdens, eighty
thousand men who were stone cutters in
the mountains, and three thousand six
hundred to oversee them. [3] Solomon sent to
Huram the king of Tyre, saying, "As you
dealt with David my father, and sent him
cedars to build him a house in which to
dwell, so deal with me. [4] Behold,* I am
about to build a house for the name of
Yahweh my God, to dedicate it to him, to
burn before him incense of sweet spices, for
the continual show bread, and for the burnt
offerings morning and evening, on the
Sabbaths, on the new moons, and on the
set feasts of Yahweh our God. This is an
ordinance forever to Israel.
[5] "The house which I am building will be
great; for our God is greater than all
gods. [6] But who is able to build him a house,
since heaven and the heaven of heavens
can't contain him? Who am I then, that I
should build him a house, except just to
burn incense before him?
[7] "Now therefore send me a man skillful to
work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in iron, and
in purple, crimson, and blue, and who
knows how to engrave engravings, to be
with the skillful men who are with me in
Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my
father provided.
[8] "Send me also cedar trees, cypress trees,
and algum trees out of Lebanon; for I know
that your servants know how to cut timber
in Lebanon. Behold, my servants will be with
your servants,[9] even to prepare me timber in
abundance; for the house which I am about
to build will be great and
wonderful. [10] Behold, I will give to your
servants, the cutters who cut timber, twenty
thousand cors† of beaten wheat, twenty

thousand baths[‡] of barley, twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil."
[11] Then Huram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, "Because Yahweh loves his people, he has made you king over them." [12] Huram continued, "Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who made heaven and earth, who has given to David the king a wise son, endowed with discretion and understanding, who would build a house for Yahweh, and a house for his kingdom. [13] Now I have sent a skillful man, endowed with understanding, of Huram my father's, [14] the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan; and his father was a man of Tyre, skillful to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in iron, in stone, in timber, and in purple, in blue, in fine linen, and in crimson, also to engrave any kind of engraving and to devise any device; that there may be a place appointed to him with your skillful men, and with the skillful men of my lord David your father.
[15] "Now therefore the wheat the barley, the oil and the wine, which my lord has spoken of, let him send to his servants; [16] and we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as you need. We will bring it to you in floats by sea to Joppa; and you shall carry it up to Jerusalem."

[17] Solomon counted all the foreigners who were in the land of Israel, after the census with which David his father had counted them; and they found one hundred fifty-three thousand six hundred. [18] He set seventy thousand of them to bear burdens, eighty thousand who were stone cutters in the mountains, and three thousand six hundred overseers to assign the people their work.

*__2:4__ "Behold", from "הִנֵּה", means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an

interjection.

†**2:10** 1 cor is the same as a homer, or about 55.9 U. S. gallons (liquid) or 211 liters or 6 bushels, so 20,000 cors of wheat would weigh about 545 metric tons

‡**2:10** 1 bath is one tenth of a cor, or about 5.6 U. S. gallons or 21 liters or 2.4 pecks. 20,000 baths of barley would weigh about 262 metric tons.

2nd Chronicles Chapter 3

1 Then Solomon began to build Yahweh's
house at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where
Yahweh appeared to David his father, which
he prepared in the place that David had
appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan
the Jebusite. 2 He began to build in the
second day of the second month, in the
fourth year of his reign. 3 Now these are the
foundations which Solomon laid for the
building of God's house. The length by
cubits* after the first measure was sixty
cubits, and the width twenty cubits. 4 The
porch that was in front, its length, according
to the width of the house, was twenty
cubits, and the height one hundred twenty;
and he overlaid it within with pure gold. 5 He
made the larger room with a ceiling of
cypress wood, which he overlaid with fine
gold, and ornamented it with palm trees and
chains. 6 He decorated the house with
precious stones for beauty. The gold was
gold from Parvaim. 7 He also overlaid the
house, the beams, the thresholds, its walls,
and its doors with gold; and engraved
cherubim on the walls.
8 He made the most holy place. Its length,
according to the width of the house, was
twenty cubits, and its width twenty cubits;

and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents.† 9 The weight of the nails was fifty shekels‡ of gold. He overlaid the upper rooms with gold.
10 In the most holy place he made two cherubim by carving; and they overlaid them with gold. 11 The wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits long: the wing of the one was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. 12 The wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits, joining to the wing of the other cherub. 13 The wings of these cherubim spread themselves out twenty cubits. They stood on their feet, and their faces were toward the house. 14 He made the veil of blue, purple, crimson, and fine linen, and ornamented it with cherubim.
15 Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty-five cubits height, and the capital that was on the top of each of them was five cubits. 16 He made chains in the inner sanctuary, and put them on the tops of the pillars; and he made one hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains. 17 He set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

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*__3:3__ A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

†__3:8__ A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds or 965 Troy ounces, so 600 talents is about 18 metric tons

‡__3:9__ A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.32 Troy ounces, so 50

shekels was about 0.5 kilograms or about 16 Troy ounces.

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Chapter 4

[1] Then he made an altar of bronze, twenty cubits* long, twenty cubits wide, and ten cubits high. [2] Also he made the molten sea† of ten cubits from brim to brim. It was round, five cubits high, and thirty cubits in circumference. [3] Under it was the likeness of oxen, which encircled it, for ten cubits, encircling the sea. The oxen were in two rows, cast when it was cast. [4] It stood on twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; and the sea was set on them above, and all their hindquarters were inward. [5] It was a handbreadth thick; and its brim was made like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily. It received and held three thousand baths.‡ [6] He also made ten basins, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them. The things that belonged to the burnt offering were washed in them; but the sea was for the priests to wash in.
[7] He made the ten lamp stands of gold according to the ordinance concerning them; and he set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left. [8] He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. He made one hundred basins of gold. [9] Furthermore he made the court of the priests, the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid their doors with bronze. [10] He set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, toward the south.
[11] Huram made the pots, the shovels, and the basins.
So Huram finished doing the work that he

did for king Solomon in God's house: [12] the two pillars, the bowls, the two capitals which were on the top of the pillars, the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars, [13] and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the pillars. [14] He also made the bases, and he made the basins on the bases; [15] one sea, and the twelve oxen under it. [16] Huram his father also made the pots, the shovels, the forks, and all its vessels for king Solomon, for Yahweh's house, of bright bronze.[17] The king cast them in the plain of the Jordan, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredah.[18] Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance; for the weight of the bronze could not be determined.

[19] Solomon made all the vessels that were in God's house, the golden altar also, and the tables with the show bread on them; [20] and the lamp stands with their lamps, to burn according to the ordinance before the inner sanctuary, of pure gold; [21] and the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs of gold that was perfect gold; [22] and the snuffers, the basins, the spoons, and the fire pans of pure gold. As for the entry of the house, its inner doors for the most holy place and the doors of the main hall of the temple were of gold.

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*__4:1__ A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

†__4:2__ or, pool, or, reservoir

‡__4:5__ A bath is about 5.6 U. S. gallons or 21.1 liters, so 3,000 baths is about 16,800 gallons or 63.3 kiloliters.

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Chapter 5

[1] Thus all the work that Solomon did for Yahweh's house was finished. Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated, even the silver, the gold, and all the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of God's house.
[2] Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' households of the children of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Yahweh's covenant out of David's city, which is Zion. [3] So all the men of Israel assembled themselves to the king at the feast, which was in the seventh month. [4] All the elders of Israel came. The Levites took up the ark; [5] and they brought up the ark, the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; these the priests the Levites brought up. [6] King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, were before the ark, sacrificing sheep and cattle that could not be counted or numbered for multitude. [7] The priests brought in the ark of Yahweh's covenant to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim. [8] For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and its poles above. [9] The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the ark in front of the inner sanctuary; but they were not seen outside; and it is there to this day. [10] There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put at Horeb, when Yahweh made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.
[11] When the priests had come out of the

holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, and didn't keep their divisions; [12] also the Levites who were the singers, all of them, even Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and their brothers, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals and stringed instruments and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them one hundred twenty priests sounding with trumpets); [13] when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking Yahweh; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised Yahweh, saying, "For he is good; for his loving kindness endures forever!" then the house was filled with a cloud, even Yahweh's house, [14] so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for Yahweh's glory filled God's house.

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Chapter 6

[1] Then Solomon said, "Yahweh has said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. [2] But I have built you a house and home, a place for you to dwell in forever."
[3] The king turned his face, and blessed all the assembly of Israel: and all the assembly of Israel stood.
[4] He said, "Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth to David my father, and has with his hands fulfilled it, saying, [5] 'Since the day that I brought my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, that my name might be there and I chose no man to be prince over my people Israel; [6] but now I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and I have chosen David to be over my people Israel.' [7] Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel. [8] But Yahweh

said to David my father, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was in your heart; [9] nevertheless you shall not build the house; but your son who will come out of your body, he shall build the house for my name.'
[10] "Yahweh has performed his word that he spoke; for I have risen up in the place of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as Yahweh promised, and have built the house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel. [11] There I have set the ark, in which is Yahweh's covenant, which he made with the children of Israel."
[12] He stood before Yahweh's altar in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands [13] (for Solomon had made a bronze scaffold, five cubits* long, and five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the middle of the court; and he stood on it, and knelt down on his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven) [14] and he said, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or on earth; you who keep covenant and loving kindness with your servants who walk before you with all their heart; [15] who have kept with your servant David my father that which you promised him. Yes, you spoke with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is today.
[16] "Now therefore, Yahweh, the God of Israel, keep with your servant David my father that which you have promised him, saying, 'There shall not fail you a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children take heed to their way, to walk in my law as you have walked before me.' [17] Now therefore, Yahweh, the God of Israel, let your word be verified, which you spoke to your servant David.
[18] "But will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens can't contain you; how much

less this house which I have built! [19] Yet have respect for the prayer of your servant, and to his supplication, Yahweh my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which your servant prays before you; [20] that your eyes may be open toward this house day and night, even toward the place where you have said that you would put your name; to listen to the prayer which your servant will pray toward this place. [21] Listen to the petitions of your servant, and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Yes, hear from your dwelling place, even from heaven; and when you hear, forgive.
[22] "If a man sins against his neighbor, and an oath is laid on him to cause him to swear, and he comes and swears before your altar in this house; [23] then hear from heaven, act, and judge your servants, bringing retribution to the wicked, to bring his way on his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.
[24] "If your people Israel are struck down before the enemy because they have sinned against you, and they turn again and confess your name, and pray and make supplication before you in this house; [25] then hear from heaven, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the land which you gave to them and to their fathers.
[26] "When the sky is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against you; if they pray toward this place, and confess your name, and turn from their sin, when you afflict them;[27] then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants of your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on your land, which you have given to your people for an inheritance.
[28] "If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague

or whatever sickness there is; [29] whatever prayer and supplication is made by any man, or by all your people Israel, who will each know his own plague and his own sorrow, and shall spread out his hands toward this house; [30] then hear from heaven your dwelling place and forgive, and render to every man according to all his ways, whose heart you know (for you, even you only, know the hearts of the children of men) [31] that they may fear you, to walk in your ways, so long as they live in the land which you gave to our fathers.
[32] "Moreover concerning the foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, when he comes from a far country for your great name's sake, and your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm; when they come and pray toward this house; [33] then hear from heaven, even from your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you for; that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by your name.
[34] "If your people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatever way you send them, and they pray to you toward this city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name; [35] then hear from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.
[36] "If they sin against you (for there is no man who doesn't sin), and you are angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive to a land far off or near; [37] yet if they come to their senses in the land where they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication to you in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we have done perversely, and have dealt wickedly;' [38] if they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have carried

them captive, and pray toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, and the city which you have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for your name; [39] then hear from heaven, even from your dwelling place, their prayer and their petitions, and maintain their cause, and forgive your people who have sinned against you.
[40] "Now, my God, let, I beg you, your eyes be open, and let your ears be attentive, to the prayer that is made in this place.
[41] "Now therefore arise, Yahweh God, into your resting place, you, and the ark of your strength. Let your priests, Yahweh God, be clothed with salvation, and let your saints rejoice in goodness.
[42] "Yahweh God, don't turn away the face of your anointed. Remember your loving kindnesses to David your servant."

*__6:13__ A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

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Chapter 7

[1] Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and Yahweh's glory filled the house. [2] The priests could not enter into Yahweh's house, because Yahweh's glory filled Yahweh's house. [3] All the children of Israel looked on, when the fire came down, and Yahweh's glory was on the house. They bowed themselves with their faces to the ground on the pavement, worshiped, and gave thanks to Yahweh, saying,
"For he is good;
for his loving kindness endures forever."

[4] Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before Yahweh. [5] King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand head of cattle and a hundred twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated God's house. [6] The priests stood, according to their positions; the Levites also with instruments of music of Yahweh, which David the king had made to give thanks to Yahweh, when David praised by their ministry, saying "For his loving kindness endures forever." The priests sounded trumpets before them; and all Israel stood.
[7] Moreover Solomon made the middle of the court that was before Yahweh's house holy; for there he offered the burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offering, the meal offering, and the fat.
[8] So Solomon held the feast at that time for seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from the entrance of Hamath to the brook of Egypt.
[9] On the eighth day, they held a solemn assembly; for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. [10] On the twenty-third day of the seventh month, he sent the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that Yahweh had shown to David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.
[11] Thus Solomon finished Yahweh's house and the king's house; and he successfully completed all that came into Solomon's heart to make in Yahweh's house and in his own house.
[12] Yahweh appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for myself for a house of sacrifice.
[13] "If I shut up the sky so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; [14] if my people, who are called by

my name, will humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. [15] Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to prayer that is made in this place. [16] For now I have chosen and made this house holy, that my name may be there forever; and my eyes and my heart will be there perpetually.
[17] "As for you, if you will walk before me as David your father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes and my ordinances; [18] then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, according as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'There shall not fail you a man to be ruler in Israel.'
[19] But if you turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; [20] then I will pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have made holy for my name, I will cast out of my sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples.[21] This house, which is so high, everyone who passes by it shall be astonished, and shall say, 'Why has Yahweh done this to this land and to this house?' [22] They shall answer, 'Because they abandoned Yahweh, the God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and took other gods, worshiped them, and served them. Therefore he has brought all this evil on them.' "

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Chapter 8

[1] At the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built Yahweh's house and his own house, [2] Solomon built the cities which Huram had given to Solomon, and caused

the children of Israel to dwell there.
3 Solomon went to Hamath Zobah, and
prevailed against it. 4 He built Tadmor in the
wilderness, and all the storage cities, which
he built in Hamath. 5 Also he built Beth
Horon the upper and Beth Horon the lower,
fortified cities, with walls, gates, and
bars; 6 and Baalath, and all the storage cities
that Solomon had, and all the cities for his
chariots, the cities for his horsemen, and all
that Solomon desired to build for his
pleasure in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all
the land of his dominion.
7 As for all the people who were left of the
Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the
Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of
Israel; 8 of their children who were left after
them in the land, whom the children of
Israel didn't consume, of them Solomon
conscripted forced labor to this day.9 But of
the children of Israel, Solomon made no
servants for his work; but they were men of
war, and chief of his captains, and rulers of
his chariots and of his horsemen. 10 These
were the chief officers of king Solomon,
even two-hundred fifty, who ruled over the
people.
11 Solomon brought up Pharaoh's daughter
out of David's city to the house that he had
built for her; for he said, "My wife shall not
dwell in the house of David king of Israel,
because the places where Yahweh's ark has
come are holy."
12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to
Yahweh on Yahweh's altar, which he had
built before the porch, 13 even as the duty of
every day required, offering according to the
commandment of Moses, on the Sabbaths,
on the new moons, and on the set feasts,
three times per year, during the feast of
unleavened bread, during the feast of
weeks, and during the feast of booths.*
14 He appointed, according to the ordinance
of David his father, the divisions of the
priests to their service, and the Levites to
their offices, to praise and to minister before

the priests, as the duty of every day required; the doorkeepers also by their divisions at every gate, for David the man of God had so commanded. [15] They didn't depart from the commandment of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.
[16] Now all the work of Solomon was prepared from the day of the foundation of Yahweh's house until it was finished. So Yahweh's house was completed.
[17] Then Solomon went to Ezion Geber and to Eloth, on the seashore in the land of Edom.[18] Huram sent him ships and servants who had knowledge of the sea by the hands of his servants; and they came with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and brought from there four hundred fifty talents† of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

*__8:13__ or, feast of tents (sukkot)

†__8:18__ A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds or 965 Troy ounces, so 450 talents is about 13.5 metric tons

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Chapter 9

[1] When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to test Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great caravan, including camels that bore spices, gold in abundance, and precious stones. When she had come to Solomon, she talked with him about all that was in her heart. [2] Solomon answered all her questions. There wasn't anything hidden from Solomon which he didn't tell her. [3] When the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, [4] the food of his table, the seating

of his servants, the attendance of his ministers, their clothing, his cup bearers also, their clothing, and his ascent by which he went up to Yahweh's house; there was no more spirit in her.*
5 She said to the king, "It was a true report that I heard in my own land of your acts and of your wisdom. 6 However I didn't believe their words until I came, and my eyes had seen it; and behold, the half of the greatness of your wisdom wasn't told me. You exceed the fame that I heard! 7 Happy are your men, and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you, and hear your wisdom. 8 Blessed be Yahweh your God, who delighted in you, to set you on his throne, to be king for Yahweh your God; because your God loved Israel, to establish them forever. Therefore he made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness."
9 She gave the king one hundred and twenty talents† of gold, spices in great abundance, and precious stones. There was never before such spice as the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.10 The servants of Huram and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, also brought algum trees‡ and precious stones. 11 The king used algum tree wood to make terraces for Yahweh's house and for the king's house, and harps and stringed instruments for the singers. There were none like these seen before in the land of Judah. 12 King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, in addition to that which she had brought to the king. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants.
13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents§ of gold, 14 in addition to that which the traders and merchants brought. All the kings of Arabia and the governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon. 15 King Solomon made two

hundred bucklers of beaten gold. Six hundred shekels* of beaten gold went to one buckler. 16 He made three hundred shields of beaten gold. Three hundred shekels† of gold went to one shield. The king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon. 17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. 18 There were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and armrests on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the armrests. 19 Twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other on the six steps. There was nothing like it made in any other kingdom. 20 All king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. Silver was not considered valuable in the days of Solomon. 21 For the king had ships that went to Tarshish with Huram's servants. Once every three years, the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks.

22 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. 23 All the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.24 They each brought tribute, vessels of silver, vessels of gold, clothing, armor, spices, horses, and mules every year. 25 Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, that he stationed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 26 He ruled over all the kings from the River even to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. 27 The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars to be as abundant as the sycamore trees that are in the lowland. 28 They brought horses for Solomon out of Egypt and out of all lands.

29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first

and last, aren't they written in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat? [30] Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. [31] Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in his father David's city: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

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*__9:4__ or, she was breathless.

†__9:9__ A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds or 965 Troy ounces, so 120 talents is about 3.6 metric tons

‡__9:10__ possibly Indian sandalwood, which has nice grain and a pleasant scent and is good for woodworking

§__9:13__ A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds or 965 Troy ounces, so 666 talents is about 20 metric tons

*__9:15__ A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.32 Troy ounces, so 600 shekels was about 6 kilograms or about 192 Troy ounces.

†__9:16__ A shekel is about 10 grams or about 0.32 Troy ounces, so 300 shekels was about 3 kilograms or about 96 Troy ounces.

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Chapter 10

[1] Rehoboam went to Shechem; for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. [2] When Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was in Egypt, where he

had fled from the presence of king Solomon), Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. [3] They sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all Israel came, and they spoke to Rehoboam, saying, [4] "Your father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make the grievous service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, lighter, and we will serve you."
[5] He said to them, "Come again to me after three days."
So the people departed. [6] King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, "What counsel do you give me about how to answer these people?"
[7] They spoke to him, saying, "If you are kind to these people, please them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."
[8] But he abandoned the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. [9] He said to them, "What counsel do you give, that we may give an answer to these people, who have spoken to me, saying, 'Make the yoke that your father put on us lighter?' "
[10] The young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall tell the people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but make it lighter on us;' thus you shall say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist. [11] Now whereas my father burdened you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.' "
[12] So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king asked, saying, "Come to me again the third day." [13] The king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam abandoned the counsel of the old men, [14] and spoke to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, "My

father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it. My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions."
15 So the king didn't listen to the people; for it was brought about by God, that Yahweh might establish his word, which he spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 16 When all Israel saw that the king didn't listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, "What portion have we in David? We don't have an inheritance in the son of Jesse! Every man to your tents, Israel! Now see to your own house, David." So all Israel departed to their tents.
17 But as for the children of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. 18 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was over the men subject to forced labor; and the children of Israel stoned him to death with stones. King Rehoboam hurried to get himself up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled against David's house to this day.

2nd Chronicles
Chapter 11

1 When Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, one hundred eighty thousand chosen men who were warriors, to fight against Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam. 2 But Yahweh's word came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 3 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, 4 'Yahweh says, "You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers! Every man return to his house; for this thing is of me." ' " So they listened to Yahweh's words, and returned from going against Jeroboam.
5 Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah. 6 He built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa, 7 Beth Zur, Soco, Adullam, 8 Gath, Mareshah, Ziph, 9 Adoraim,

Lachish, Azekah,[10] Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron, which are fortified cities in Judah and in Benjamin. [11] He fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of food, oil and wine. [12] He put shields and spears in every city, and made them exceedingly strong. Judah and Benjamin belonged to him.
[13] The priests and the Levites who were in all Israel stood with him out of all their territory.[14] For the Levites left their pasture lands and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem; for Jeroboam and his sons cast them off, that they should not execute the priest's office to Yahweh. [15] He himself appointed priests for the high places, for the male goats, and for the calves which he had made. [16] After them, out of all the tribes of Israel, those who set their hearts to seek Yahweh, the God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to Yahweh, the God of their fathers. [17] So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong for three years; for they walked three years in the way of David and Solomon.
[18] Rehoboam took a wife for himself, Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David and of Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse. [19] She bore him sons: Jeush, Shemariah, and Zaham. [20] After her, he took Maacah the daughter of Absalom; and she bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith. [21] Rehoboam loved Maacah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines; for he took eighteen wives and sixty concubines, and became the father of twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters. [22] Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah to be chief, the prince among his brothers; for he intended to make him king. [23] He dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his sons throughout all the lands of Judah and Benjamin, to every fortified city. He gave them food in abundance and he sought many wives for

them.

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Chapter 12

[1] When the kingdom of Rehoboam was established and he was strong, he abandoned Yahweh's law, and all Israel with him. [2] In the fifth year of king Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had trespassed against Yahweh, [3] with twelve hundred chariots, and sixty thousand horsemen. The people were without number who came with him out of Egypt: the Lubim, the Sukkiim, and the Ethiopians. [4] He took the fortified cities which belonged to Judah, and came to Jerusalem. [5] Now Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, who were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, "Yahweh says, 'You have forsaken me, therefore I have also left you in the hand of Shishak.' "
[6] Then the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, "Yahweh is righteous."
[7] When Yahweh saw that they humbled themselves, Yahweh's word came to Shemaiah, saying, "They have humbled themselves. I will not destroy them; but I will grant them some deliverance, and my wrath won't be poured out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. [8] Nevertheless they will be his servants, that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries."
[9] So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem and took away the treasures of Yahweh's house and the treasures of the king's house. He took it all away. He also took away the shields of gold which Solomon had made. [10] King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who kept the door of

the king's house. [11] As often as the king entered into Yahweh's house, the guard came and bore them, then brought them back into the guard room. [12] When he humbled himself, Yahweh's wrath turned from him, so as not to destroy him altogether. Moreover, there were good things found in Judah.
[13] So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem and reigned; for Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which Yahweh had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel to put his name there. His mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. [14] He did that which was evil, because he didn't set his heart to seek Yahweh.
[15] Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, aren't they written in the histories of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the seer, in the genealogies? There were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. [16] Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in David's city; and Abijah his son reigned in his place.

2nd Chronicles
Chapter 13

[1] In the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam, Abijah began to reign over Judah. [2] He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Micaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. There was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. [3] Abijah joined battle with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men; and Jeroboam set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, who were mighty men of valor. [4] Abijah stood up on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, and said, "Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel:[5] Ought you not to know that Yahweh, the God of Israel, gave the kingdom over Israel to David

forever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? [6] Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up, and rebelled against his lord. [7] Worthless men were gathered to him, wicked fellows who strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tender hearted, and could not withstand them.
[8] "Now you intend to withstand the kingdom of Yahweh in the hand of the sons of David. You are a great multitude, and the golden calves which Jeroboam made you for gods are with you. [9] Haven't you driven out the priests of Yahweh, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made priests for yourselves according to the ways of the peoples of other lands? Whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams may be a priest of those who are no gods.
[10] "But as for us, Yahweh is our God, and we have not forsaken him. We have priests serving Yahweh, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites in their work; [11] and they burn to Yahweh every morning and every evening burnt offerings and sweet incense. They also set the show bread in order on the pure table; and the lamp stand of gold with its lamps, to burn every evening; for we keep the instruction of Yahweh our God, but you have forsaken him. [12] Behold, God is with us at our head, and his priests with the trumpets of alarm to sound an alarm against you. Children of Israel, don't fight against Yahweh, the God of your fathers; for you will not prosper."
[13] But Jeroboam caused an ambush to come about behind them; so they were before Judah, and the ambush was behind them. [14] When Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind them; and they cried to Yahweh, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. [15] Then the men of Judah gave a shout. As the men of Judah shouted, God struck Jeroboam and all Israel

before Abijah and Judah. [16] The children of Israel fled before Judah, and God delivered them into their hand. [17] Abijah and his people killed them with a great slaughter, so five hundred thousand chosen men of Israel fell down slain. [18] Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied on Yahweh, the God of their fathers. [19] Abijah pursued Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with its villages, Jeshanah with its villages, and Ephron with its villages.
[20] Jeroboam didn't recover strength again in the days of Abijah. Yahweh struck him, and he died. [21] But Abijah grew mighty, and took for himself fourteen wives, and became the father of twenty-two sons, and sixteen daughters. [22] The rest of the acts of Abijah, his ways, and his sayings are written in the commentary of the prophet Iddo.

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Chapter 14

[1] So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in David's city; and Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days, the land was quiet ten years. [2] Asa did that which was good and right in Yahweh his God's eyes; [3] for he took away the foreign altars and the high places, broke down the pillars, cut down the Asherah poles, [4] and commanded Judah to seek Yahweh, the God of their fathers, and to obey his law and command. [5] Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun images; and the kingdom was quiet before him. [6] He built fortified cities in Judah; for the land was quiet, and he had no war in those years, because Yahweh had given him rest. [7] For he said to Judah, "Let's build these cities, and make walls around them, with towers, gates, and bars. The land is yet before us, because we have sought Yahweh our God. We have sought him, and he has

given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered.
8 Asa had an army of three hundred thousand out of Judah who bore bucklers and spears, and two hundred eighty thousand out of Benjamin who bore shields and drew bows. All these were mighty men of valor.
9 Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million troops and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah. 10 Then Asa went out to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. 11 Asa cried to Yahweh his God, and said, "Yahweh, there is no one besides you to help, between the mighty and him who has no strength. Help us, Yahweh our God; for we rely on you, and in your name are we come against this multitude. Yahweh, you are our God. Don't let man prevail against you."
12 So Yahweh struck the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. 13 Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar: and so many of the Ethiopians fell that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before Yahweh and before his army; and they carried away very much booty. 14 They struck all the cities around Gerar; for the fear of Yahweh came on them, and they plundered all the cities; for there was much plunder in them. 15 They also struck the tents of livestock, and carried away sheep in abundance, and camels, and returned to Jerusalem.

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Chapter 15

1 The Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded: 2 and he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin! Yahweh is with you, while you are with him; and if you seek him,

he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.[3] Now for a long time Israel was without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law.[4] But when in their distress they turned to Yahweh, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them. [5] In those times there was no peace to him who went out, nor to him who came in; but great troubles were on all the inhabitants of the lands. [6] They were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city; for God troubled them with all adversity. [7] But you be strong, and don't let your hands be slack; for your work will be rewarded."
[8] When Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominations out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from the hill country of Ephraim; and he renewed Yahweh's altar that was before Yahweh's porch. [9] He gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those who lived with them out of Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon; for they came to him out of Israel in abundance when they saw that Yahweh his God was with him. [10] So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of Asa's reign. [11] They sacrificed to Yahweh in that day, of the plunder which they had brought, seven hundred head of cattle and seven thousand sheep. [12] They entered into the covenant to seek Yahweh, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul; [13] and that whoever would not seek Yahweh, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. [14] They swore to Yahweh with a loud voice, with shouting, with trumpets, and with cornets. [15] All Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found by them. Then Yahweh gave them rest all around.

16 Also Maacah, the mother of Asa the king,
he removed from being queen, because she
had made an abominable image for an
Asherah; so Asa cut down her image,
ground it into dust, and burned it at the
brook Kidron. 17 But the high places were
not taken away out of Israel; nevertheless
the heart of Asa was perfect all his
days. 18 He brought the things that his
father had dedicated, and that he himself
had dedicated, silver, gold, and vessels into
God's house. 19 There was no more war to
the thirty-fifth year of Asa's reign.

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Chapter 16

1 In the thirty-sixth year of Asa's reign,
Baasha king of Israel went up against
Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not
allow anyone to go out or come in to Asa
king of Judah. 2 Then Asa brought out silver
and gold out of the treasures of Yahweh's
house and of the king's house, and sent to
Ben Hadad king of Syria, who lived at
Damascus, saying, 3 "Let there be a treaty
between me and you, as there was between
my father and your father. Behold, I have
sent you silver and gold. Go, break your
treaty with Baasha king of Israel, that he
may depart from me."
4 Ben Hadad listened to king Asa, and sent
the captains of his armies against the cities
of Israel; and they struck Ijon, Dan, Abel
Maim, and all the storage cities of
Naphtali. 5 When Baasha heard of it, he
stopped building Ramah, and let his work
cease. 6 Then Asa the king took all Judah,
and they carried away the stones of Rama,
and its timber, with which Baasha had built;
and he built Geba and Mizpah with them.
7 At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa
king of Judah, and said to him, "Because
you have relied on the king of Syria, and
have not relied on Yahweh your God,
therefore the army of the king of Syria has

escaped out of your hand. [8] Weren't the Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge army, with chariots and exceedingly many horsemen? Yet, because you relied on Yahweh, he delivered them into your hand. [9] For Yahweh's eyes run back and forth throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. You have done foolishly in this; for from now on you will have wars." [10] Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in the prison; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time.
[11] Behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. [12] In the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa was diseased in his feet. His disease was exceedingly great: yet in his disease he didn't seek Yahweh, but just the physicians. [13] Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the forty-first year of his reign. [14] They buried him in his own tomb, which he had dug out for himself in David's city, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odors and various kinds of spices prepared by the perfumers' art; and they made a very great fire for him.

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Chapter 17

[1] Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel. [2] He placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. [3] Yahweh was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and didn't seek the Baals, [4] but sought to the God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not in the ways of Israel. [5] Therefore Yahweh established the kingdom in his hand. All Judah brought tribute to Jehoshaphat, and

he had riches and honor in abundance. [6] His heart was lifted up in the ways of Yahweh. Furthermore, he took away the high places and the Asherah poles out of Judah. [7] Also in the third year of his reign he sent his princes, even Ben Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah; [8] and with them the Levites, even Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, the Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests. [9] They taught in Judah, having the book of Yahweh's law with them. They went about throughout all the cities of Judah and taught among the people. [10] The fear of Yahweh fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat. [11] Some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents and silver for tribute. The Arabians also brought him flocks, seven thousand seven hundred rams, and seven thousand seven hundred male goats. [12] Jehoshaphat grew great exceedingly; and he built fortresses and store cities in Judah. [13] He had many works in the cities of Judah; and men of war, mighty men of valor, in Jerusalem. [14] This was the numbering of them according to their fathers' houses: From Judah, the captains of thousands: Adnah the captain, and with him three hundred thousand mighty men of valor; [15] and next to him Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred eighty thousand; [16] and next to him Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to Yahweh, and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor. [17] From Benjamin: Eliada, a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred thousand armed with bow and shield; [18] and next to him Jehozabad, and with him one hundred eighty thousand ready and prepared for war. [19] These were those who waited on the king, in addition to those whom the king put

in the fortified cities throughout all Judah.

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Chapter 18

[1] Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and he allied himself with Ahab.[2] After some years, he went down to Ahab to Samaria. Ahab killed sheep and cattle for him in abundance, and for the people who were with him, and moved him to go up with him to Ramoth Gilead. [3] Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me to Ramoth Gilead?"
He answered him, "I am as you are, and my people as your people. We will be with you in the war." [4] Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire first for Yahweh's word."
[5] Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall we go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?"
They said, "Go up; for God will deliver it into the hand of the king."
[6] But Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there here a prophet of Yahweh besides, that we may inquire of him?"
[7] The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of Yahweh; but I hate him, for he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil. He is Micaiah the son of Imla."
Jehoshaphat said, "Don't let the king say so."
[8] Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, "Get Micaiah the son of Imla quickly."
[9] Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah each sat on his throne, arrayed in their robes, and they were sitting in an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them. [10] Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made himself horns of

iron and said, "Yahweh says, 'With these you shall push the Syrians, until they are consumed.' "
[11] All the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead, and prosper; for Yahweh will deliver it into the hand of the king."
[12] The messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one mouth. Let your word therefore, please be like one of theirs, and speak good."
[13] Micaiah said, "As Yahweh lives, I will say what my God says."
[14] When he had come to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?"
He said, "Go up, and prosper. They shall be delivered into your hand."
[15] The king said to him, "How many times shall I adjure you that you speak to me nothing but the truth in Yahweh's name?"
[16] He said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. Yahweh said, 'These have no master. Let them each return to his house in peace.' "
[17] The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Didn't I tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"
[18] Micaiah said, "Therefore hear Yahweh's word: I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, and all the army of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left. [19] Yahweh said, 'Who will entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead?' One spoke saying in this way, and another saying in that way. [20] A spirit came out, stood before Yahweh, and said, 'I will entice him.'
"Yahweh said to him, 'How?'
[21] "He said, 'I will go, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.'
"He said, 'You will entice him, and will prevail also. Go and do so.'
[22] "Now therefore, behold, Yahweh has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your

prophets; and Yahweh has spoken evil concerning you."
[23] Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Which way did Yahweh's Spirit go from me to speak to you?"
[24] Micaiah said, "Behold, you shall see on that day, when you go into an inner room to hide yourself."
[25] The king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; [26] and say, 'Thus says the king, "Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace." ' "
[27] Micaiah said, "If you return at all in peace, Yahweh has not spoken by me." He said, "Listen, you people, all of you!"
[28] So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead. [29] The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but you put on your robes." So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went into the battle. [30] Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of his chariots, saying, "Don't fight with small nor great, except only with the king of Israel."
[31] When the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said, "It is the king of Israel!" Therefore they turned around to fight against him. But Jehoshaphat cried out, and Yahweh helped him; and God moved them to depart from him. [32] When the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him. [33] A certain man drew his bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the armor. Therefore he said to the driver of the chariot, "Turn your hand, and carry me out of the army; for I am severely wounded."[34] The battle increased that day. However the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot against the Syrians until the evening; and at

about sunset, he died.

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Chapter 19

[1] Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to
his house in peace to Jerusalem. [2] Jehu the
son of Hanani the seer went out to meet
him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, "Should
you help the wicked, and love those who
hate Yahweh? Because of this, wrath is on
you from before Yahweh.[3] Nevertheless
there are good things found in you, in that
you have put away the Asheroth out of the
land, and have set your heart to seek God."
[4] Jehoshaphat lived at Jerusalem; and he
went out again among the people from
Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim,
and brought them back to Yahweh, the God
of their fathers. [5] He set judges in the land
throughout all the fortified cities of Judah,
city by city, [6] and said to the judges,
"Consider what you do, for you don't judge
for man, but for Yahweh; and he is with you
in the judgment. [7] Now therefore let the fear
of Yahweh be on you. Take heed and do it;
for there is no iniquity with Yahweh our
God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of
bribes."
[8] Moreover in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat
appointed Levites and priests, and of the
heads of the fathers' households of Israel,
for the judgment of Yahweh, and for
controversies. They returned to
Jerusalem. [9] He commanded them, saying,
"You shall do this in the fear of Yahweh,
faithfully, and with a perfect
heart. [10] Whenever any controversy comes
to you from your brothers who dwell in their
cities, between blood and blood, between
law and commandment, statutes and
ordinances, you must warn them, that they
not be guilty towards Yahweh, and so wrath
come on you and on your brothers. Do this,
and you will not be guilty. [11] Behold,
Amariah the chief priest is over you in all

matters of Yahweh; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in all the king's matters. Also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and may Yahweh be with the good."

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Chapter 20

[1] After this, the children of Moab, the children of Ammon, and with them some of the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. [2] Then some came who told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea from Syria. Behold, they are in Hazazon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi). [3] Jehoshaphat was alarmed, and set himself to seek to Yahweh. He proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. [4] Judah gathered themselves together to seek help from Yahweh. They came out of all the cities of Judah to seek Yahweh.
[5] Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in Yahweh's house, before the new court; [6] and he said, "Yahweh, the God of our fathers, aren't you God in heaven? Aren't you ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in your hand, so that no one is able to withstand you. [7] Didn't you, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it to the offspring* of Abraham your friend forever? [8] They lived in it, and have built you a sanctuary in it for your name, saying, [9] 'If evil comes on us—the sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this house, and before you (for your name is in this house), and cry to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.' [10] Now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned away from them, and didn't destroy them; [11] behold, how they reward

us, to come to cast us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. 12 Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that comes against us. We don't know what to do, but our eyes are on you."
13 All Judah stood before Yahweh, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.
14 Then Yahweh's Spirit came on Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite, of the sons of Asaph, in the middle of the assembly; 15 and he said, "Listen, all Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, king Jehoshaphat. Yahweh says to you, 'Don't be afraid, and don't be dismayed because of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. 16 Tomorrow, go down against them. Behold, they are coming up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel. 17 You will not need to fight this battle. Set yourselves, stand still, and see the salvation of Yahweh with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Don't be afraid, nor be dismayed. Go out against them tomorrow, for Yahweh is with you.' "
18 Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before Yahweh, worshiping Yahweh. 19 The Levites, of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites, stood up to praise Yahweh, the God of Israel, with an exceedingly loud voice.
20 They rose early in the morning, and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. As they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in Yahweh your God, so you will be established! Believe his prophets, so you will prosper."
21 When he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to Yahweh, and give praise in holy array, as they go out before the army, and

say, "Give thanks to Yahweh; for his loving kindness endures forever." [22] When they began to sing and to praise, Yahweh set ambushers against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were struck. [23] For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them: and when they had finished the inhabitants of Seir, everyone helped to destroy another.
[24] When Judah came to the place overlooking the wilderness, they looked at the multitude; and behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and there were none who escaped. [25] When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take their plunder, they found among them in abundance both riches and dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away. They took plunder for three days, it was so much. [26] On the fourth day, they assembled themselves in Beracah Valley, for there they blessed Yahweh. Therefore the name of that place was called "Beracah Valley" to this day. [27] Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for Yahweh had made them to rejoice over their enemies. [28] They came to Jerusalem with stringed instruments, harps, and trumpets to Yahweh's house. [29] The fear of God was on all the kingdoms of the countries, when they heard that Yahweh fought against the enemies of Israel. [30] So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him rest all around.
[31] Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.[32] He walked in the way of Asa his father, and didn't turn away from it, doing that which was right in Yahweh's eyes. [33] However the high places

were not taken away, and the people had still not set their hearts on the God of their fathers. [34] Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the history of Jehu the son of Hanani, which is included in the book of the kings of Israel. [35] After this, Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined himself with Ahaziah king of Israel. The same did very wickedly. [36] He joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish. They made the ships in Ezion Geber. [37] Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have joined yourself with Ahaziah, Yahweh has destroyed your works." The ships were wrecked, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

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Chapter 21

[1] Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in David's city, and Jehoram his son reigned in his place. [2] He had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azariah, Michael, and Shephatiah. All these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. [3] Their father gave them great gifts of silver, of gold, and of precious things, with fortified cities in Judah; but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn. [4] Now when Jehoram had risen up over the kingdom of his father, and had strengthened himself, he killed all his brothers with the sword, and also some of the princes of Israel. [5] Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. [6] He walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as

did Ahab's house; for he had Ahab's daughter as his wife. He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight. [7] However Yahweh would not destroy David's house, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a lamp to him and to his children always.
[8] In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. [9] Then Jehoram went there with his captains and all his chariots with him. He rose up by night and struck the Edomites who surrounded him, along with the captains of the chariots. [10] So Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time from under his hand, because he had forsaken Yahweh, the God of his fathers.
[11] Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and made the inhabitants of Jerusalem play the prostitute, and led Judah astray. [12] A letter came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, "Yahweh, the God of David your father, says, 'Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, [13] but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the prostitute like Ahab's house did, and also have slain your brothers of your father's house, who were better than yourself, [14] behold, Yahweh will strike your people with a great plague, including your children, your wives, and all your possessions; [15] and you will have great sickness with a disease of your bowels, until your bowels fall out by reason of the sickness, day by day.' "
[16] Yahweh stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians who are beside the Ethiopians; [17] and they came up against Judah, broke into it, and carried away all the possessions that were found in the king's house, including his sons and his wives; so that there was no son left

him, except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.
18 After all this Yahweh struck him in his bowels with an incurable disease. 19 In process of time, at the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness, and he died of severe diseases. His people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. 20 He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years. He departed without being missed; and they buried him in David's city, but not in the tombs of the kings.

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Chapter 22

1 The inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his place, because the band of men who came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the oldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. 2 Ahaziah was forty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the daughter of Omri. 3 He also walked in the ways of Ahab's house, because his mother was his counselor in acting wickedly. 4 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, as did Ahab's house, for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction. 5 He also followed their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead, and the Syrians wounded Joram. 6 He returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which they had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.
7 Now the destruction of Ahaziah was of God, in that he went to Joram; for when he

had come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom Yahweh had anointed to cut off Ahab's house. [8] When Jehu was executing judgment on Ahab's house, he found the princes of Judah and the sons of the brothers of Ahaziah, serving Ahaziah, and killed them. [9] He sought Ahaziah, and they caught him (now he was hiding in Samaria), and they brought him to Jehu, and killed him; and they buried him, for they said, "He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought Yahweh with all his heart." The house of Ahaziah had no power to hold the kingdom.
[10] Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal offspring of the house of Judah. [11] But Jehoshabeath, the king's daughter, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stealthily rescued him from among the king's sons who were slain, and put him and his nurse in the bedroom. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah, so that she didn't kill him. [12] He was with them hidden in God's house six years while Athaliah reigned over the land.

2nd Chronicles Chapter 23

[1] In the seventh year, Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, Azariah the son of Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into a covenant with him. [2] They went around in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of fathers' households of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. [3] All the assembly made a covenant with the king in God's house. He said to them, "Behold, the king's son must reign, as Yahweh has spoken concerning the

sons of David. [4] This is the thing that you must do. A third part of you, who come in on the Sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be gatekeepers of the thresholds. [5] A third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation. All the people will be in the courts of Yahweh's house. [6] But let no one come into Yahweh's house, except the priests and those who minister of the Levites. They shall come in, for they are holy, but all the people shall follow Yahweh's instructions. [7] The Levites shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand. Whoever comes into the house, let him be slain. Be with the king when he comes in, and when he goes out."
[8] So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they each took his men, those who were to come in on the Sabbath; with those who were to go out on the Sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest didn't dismiss the shift. [9] Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds the spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in God's house. [10] He set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, near the altar and the house, around the king. [11] Then they brought out the king's son, and put the crown on him, and gave him the covenant, and made him king. Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and they said, "Long live the king!"
[12] When Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into Yahweh's house. [13] Then she looked, and, behold, the king stood by his pillar at the entrance, and the captains and the trumpets by the king. All the people of the land rejoiced, and blew trumpets. The singers also played musical instruments, and led the singing of praise. Then Athaliah tore her clothes, and said,

"Treason! treason!"
14 Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out between the ranks; and whoever follows her, let him be slain with the sword." For the priest said, "Don't kill her in Yahweh's house." 15 So they made way for her. She went to the entrance of the horse gate to the king's house; and they killed her there.
16 Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, all the people, and the king, that they should be Yahweh's people. 17 All the people went to the house of Baal, broke it down, broke his altars and his images in pieces, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. 18 Jehoiada appointed the officers of Yahweh's house under the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in Yahweh's house, to offer the burnt offerings of Yahweh, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as David had ordered. 19 He set the gatekeepers at the gates of Yahweh's house, that no one who was unclean in anything should enter in. 20 He took the captains of hundreds, the nobles, the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from Yahweh's house. They came through the upper gate to the king's house, and set the king on the throne of the kingdom. 21 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. They had slain Athaliah with the sword.

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Chapter 24

1 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zibiah, of Beersheba. 2 Joash did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes all the days of Jehoiada the priest. 3 Jehoiada took for him two wives, and he became the father of sons

and daughters.
[4] After this, Joash intended to restore
Yahweh's house. [5] He gathered together the
priests and the Levites, and said to them,
"Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather
money to repair the house of your God from
all Israel from year to year. See that you
expedite this matter." However the Levites
didn't do it right away. [6] The king called for
Jehoiada the chief, and said to him, "Why
haven't you required of the Levites to bring
in the tax of Moses the servant of Yahweh,
and of the assembly of Israel, out of Judah
and out of Jerusalem, for the Tent of the
Testimony?" [7] For the sons of Athaliah, that
wicked woman, had broken up God's house;
and they also gave all the dedicated things
of Yahweh's house to the Baals.
[8] So the king commanded, and they made a
chest, and set it outside at the gate of
Yahweh's house. [9] They made a
proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem,
to bring in for Yahweh the tax that Moses
the servant of God laid on Israel in the
wilderness. [10] All the princes and all the
people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast
into the chest, until they had filled
it. [11] Whenever the chest was brought to the
king's officers by the hand of the Levites,
and when they saw that there was much
money, the king's scribe and the chief
priest's officer came and emptied the chest,
and took it, and carried it to its place again.
Thus they did day by day, and gathered
money in abundance. [12] The king and
Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work
of the service of Yahweh's house. They
hired masons and carpenters to restore
Yahweh's house, and also those who
worked iron and bronze to repair Yahweh's
house. [13] So the workmen worked, and the
work of repairing went forward in their
hands. They set up God's house as it was
designed, and strengthened it. [14] When they
had finished, they brought the rest of the
money before the king and Jehoiada, from

which were made vessels for Yahweh's house, even vessels with which to minister and to offer, including spoons and vessels of gold and silver. They offered burnt offerings in Yahweh's house continually all the days of Jehoiada.
15 But Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died. He was one hundred thirty years old when he died. 16 They buried him in David's city among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, and toward God and his house.
17 Now after the death of Jehoiada, the princes of Judah came, and bowed down to the king. Then the king listened to them. 18 They abandoned the house of Yahweh, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherah poles and the idols, so wrath came on Judah and Jerusalem for this their guiltiness. 19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again to Yahweh, and they testified against them; but they would not listen.
20 The Spirit of God came on Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God, 'Why do you disobey Yahweh's commandments, so that you can't prosper? Because you have forsaken Yahweh, he has also forsaken you.' "
21 They conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of Yahweh's house. 22 Thus Joash the king didn't remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son. When he died, he said, "May Yahweh look at it, and repay it."
23 At the end of the year, the army of the Syrians came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all their plunder to the king of Damascus. 24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men; and Yahweh delivered a very great army into their hand, because they had

forsaken Yahweh, the God of their fathers. So they executed judgment on Joash.
[25] When they had departed from him (for they left him very sick), his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed, and he died. They buried him in David's city, but they didn't bury him in the tombs of the kings. [26] These are those who conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess. [27] Now concerning his sons, the greatness of the burdens laid on him, and the rebuilding of God's house, behold, they are written in the commentary of the book of the kings. Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

2nd Chronicles
Chapter 25

[1] Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan, of Jerusalem. [2] He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, but not with a perfect heart. [3] Now when the kingdom was established to him, he killed his servants who had killed his father the king. [4] But he didn't put their children to death, but did according to that which is written in the law in the book of Moses, as Yahweh commanded, saying, "The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers; but every man shall die for his own sin."
[5] Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and ordered them according to their fathers' houses, under captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, even all Judah and Benjamin. He counted them from twenty years old and upward, and found that there were three hundred thousand chosen men, able to go out to war, who could handle spear and shield. [6] He also hired one hundred

thousand mighty men of valor out of Israel
for one hundred talents* of silver. 7 A man of
God came to him, saying, "O king, don't let
the army of Israel go with you, for Yahweh
is not with Israel, with all the children of
Ephraim. 8 But if you will go, take action,
and be strong for the battle. God will
overthrow you before the enemy; for God
has power to help, and to overthrow."
9 Amaziah said to the man of God, "But what
shall we do for the hundred talents† which I
have given to the army of Israel?"
The man of God answered, "Yahweh is able
to give you much more than this."
10 Then Amaziah separated them, the army
that had come to him out of Ephraim, to go
home again. Therefore their anger was
greatly kindled against Judah, and they
returned home in fierce anger. 11 Amaziah
took courage, and led his people out, and
went to the Valley of Salt, and struck ten
thousand of the children of Seir. 12 The
children of Judah carried away ten thousand
alive, and brought them to the top of the
rock, and threw them down from the top of
the rock, so that they all were broken in
pieces. 13 But the men of the army whom
Amaziah sent back, that they should not go
with him to battle, fell on the cities of
Judah, from Samaria even to Beth Horon,
and struck of them three thousand, and
took much plunder.
14 Now after Amaziah had come from the
slaughter of the Edomites, he brought the
gods of the children of Seir, and set them
up to be his gods, and bowed down himself
before them, and burned incense to
them. 15 Therefore Yahweh's anger burned
against Amaziah, and he sent to him a
prophet, who said to him, "Why have you
sought after the gods of the people, which
have not delivered their own people out of
your hand?"
16 As he talked with him, the king said to
him, "Have we made you one of the king's
counselors? Stop! Why should you be struck

down?"
Then the prophet stopped, and said, "I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this, and have not listened to my counsel."
17 Then Amaziah king of Judah consulted his advisers, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come! Let's look one another in the face."
18 Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as his wife. Then a wild animal that was in Lebanon passed by, and trampled down the thistle. 19 You say to yourself that you have struck Edom; and your heart lifts you up to boast. Now stay at home. Why should you meddle with trouble, that you should fall, even you, and Judah with you?' "
20 But Amaziah would not listen; for it was of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they had sought after the gods of Edom. 21 So Joash king of Israel went up, and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah. 22 Judah was defeated by Israel; and they every man fled to his tent.
23 Joash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth Shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits.‡ 24 He took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in God's house with Obed-Edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.
25 Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived for fifteen years after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, aren't they written in the book

of the kings of Judah and Israel? [27] Now from the time that Amaziah turned away from following Yahweh, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem. He fled to Lachish, but they sent after him to Lachish, and killed him there. [28] They brought him on horses, and buried him with his fathers in the City of Judah.

*__25:6__ A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds

†__25:9__ A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds

‡__25:23__ A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters, so 400 cubits is about 200 yards or 184 meters.

2nd Chronicles
Chapter 26

[1] All the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah. [2] He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers. [3] Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jechiliah, of Jerusalem. [4] He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. [5] He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the vision of God; and as long as he sought Yahweh, God made him prosper.
[6] He went out and fought against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod;

and he built cities in the country of Ashdod, and among the Philistines. [7] God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who lived in Gur Baal, and the Meunim. [8] The Ammonites gave tribute to Uzziah. His name spread abroad even to the entrance of Egypt; for he grew exceedingly strong. [9] Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them. [10] He built towers in the wilderness, and dug out many cisterns, for he had much livestock; in the lowland also, and in the plain. He had farmers and vineyard keepers in the mountains and in the fruitful fields, for he loved farming. [11] Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men, who went out to war by bands, according to the number of their reckoning made by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. [12] The whole number of the heads of fathers' households, even the mighty men of valor, was two thousand six hundred. [13] Under their hand was an army, three hundred seven thousand five hundred, who made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. [14] Uzziah prepared for them, even for all the army, shields, spears, helmets, coats of mail, bows, and stones for slinging. [15] In Jerusalem, he made devices, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and on the battlements, with which to shoot arrows and great stones. His name spread far abroad, because he was marvelously helped until he was strong.
[16] But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up, so that he did corruptly, and he trespassed against Yahweh his God; for he went into Yahweh's temple to burn incense on the altar of incense.[17] Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him eighty priests of Yahweh, who were valiant men. [18] They resisted Uzziah the king, and said to him, "It isn't for you, Uzziah, to burn

incense to Yahweh, but for the priests the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed. It will not be for your honor from Yahweh God."
19 Then Uzziah was angry. He had a censer in his hand to burn incense, and while he was angry with the priests, the leprosy broke out on his forehead before the priests in Yahweh's house, beside the altar of incense. 20 Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked at him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out quickly from there. Yes, he himself also hurried to go out, because Yahweh had struck him. 21 Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house, being a leper; for he was cut off from Yahweh's house. Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land. 22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote. 23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings, for they said, "He is a leper." Jotham his son reigned in his place.

2nd Chronicles Chapter 27

1 Jotham was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jerushah the daughter of Zadok. 2 He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, according to all that his father Uzziah had done. However he didn't enter into Yahweh's temple. The people still acted corruptly. 3 He built the upper gate of Yahweh's house, and he built much on the wall of Ophel. 4 Moreover he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers. 5 He also fought with the king of the children of Ammon, and prevailed against them. The

children of Ammon gave him the same year one hundred talents* of silver, ten thousand cors† of wheat, and ten thousand cors of barley.‡ The children of Ammon also gave that much to him in the second year, and in the third. 6 So Jotham became mighty, because he ordered his ways before Yahweh his God. 7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. 8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. 9 Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in David's city; and Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

*__27:5__ A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds

†__27:5__ 1 cor is the same as a homer, or about 55.9 U. S. gallons (liquid) or 211 liters or 6 bushels. 10,000 cors of wheat would weigh about 1,640 metric tons.

‡__27:5__ 10,000 cors of barley would weigh about 1,310 metric tons.

2nd Chronicles
Chapter 28

1 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. He didn't do that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, like David his father, 2 but he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and also made molten images for the Baals. 3 Moreover he burned incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burned his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh cast out before the children of Israel. 4 He sacrificed and burned incense in the high

places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.
[5] Therefore Yahweh his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria. They struck him, and carried away from him a great multitude of captives, and brought them to Damascus. He was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who struck him with a great slaughter. [6] For Pekah the son of Remaliah killed in Judah one hundred twenty thousand in one day, all of them valiant men, because they had forsaken Yahweh, the God of their fathers. [7] Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the king's son, Azrikam the ruler of the house, and Elkanah who was next to the king. [8] The children of Israel carried away captive of their brothers two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much plunder from them, and brought the plunder to Samaria. [9] But a prophet of Yahweh was there, whose name was Oded; and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria, and said to them, "Behold, because Yahweh, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he has delivered them into your hand, and you have slain them in a rage which has reached up to heaven. [10] Now you intend to degrade the children of Judah and Jerusalem as male and female slaves for yourselves. Aren't there even with you trespasses of your own against Yahweh your God? [11] Now hear me therefore, and send back the captives that you have taken captive from your brothers, for the fierce wrath of Yahweh is on you." [12] Then some of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who came from the war, [13] and said to them, "You must not bring in the captives here, for you intend that which will bring on us a trespass against Yahweh, to add to our sins and to

our guilt; for our guilt is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel."
14 So the armed men left the captives and the plunder before the princes and all the assembly. 15 The men who have been mentioned by name rose up and took the captives, and with the plunder clothed all who were naked among them, dressed them, gave them sandals, and gave them something to eat and to drink, anointed them, carried all the feeble of them on donkeys, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brothers. Then they returned to Samaria.
16 At that time king Ahaz sent to the kings of Assyria to help him. 17 For again the Edomites had come and struck Judah, and carried away captives. 18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the lowland, and of the South of Judah, and had taken Beth Shemesh, Aijalon, Gederoth, Soco with its villages, Timnah with its villages, and also Gimzo and its villages; and they lived there. 19 For Yahweh brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel, because he acted without restraint in Judah and trespassed severely against Yahweh. 20 Tilgath Pilneser king of Assyria came to him, and gave him trouble, but didn't strengthen him. 21 For Ahaz took away a portion out of Yahweh's house, and out of the house of the king and of the princes, and gave it to the king of Assyria; but it didn't help him.
22 In the time of his distress, he trespassed yet more against Yahweh, this same king Ahaz. 23 For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus, which struck him. He said, "Because the gods of the kings of Syria helped them, so I will sacrifice to them, that they may help me." But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel. 24 Ahaz gathered together the vessels of God's house, and cut the vessels of God's house in pieces, and shut up the doors of Yahweh's house; and he made himself altars in every corner of

Jerusalem. [25] In every city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked Yahweh, the God of his fathers, to anger.
[26] Now the rest of his acts, and all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. [27] Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem, because they didn't bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

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Chapter 29

[1] Hezekiah began to reign when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. [2] He did that which was right in Yahweh's eyes, according to all that David his father had done. [3] In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of Yahweh's house, and repaired them. [4] He brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the wide place on the east, [5] and said to them, "Listen to me, you Levites! Now sanctify yourselves, and sanctify Yahweh, the God of your fathers' house, and carry the filthiness out of the holy place. [6] For our fathers were unfaithful, and have done that which was evil in Yahweh our God's sight, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of Yahweh, and turned their backs. [7] Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel. [8] Therefore Yahweh's wrath was on Judah and Jerusalem, and he has delivered them to be tossed back and forth, to be an astonishment, and a hissing, as you see with your eyes. [9] For, behold, our fathers have

fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. [10] Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with Yahweh, the God of Israel, that his fierce anger may turn away from us. [11] My sons, don't be negligent now; for Yahweh has chosen you to stand before him, to minister to him, and that you should be his ministers, and burn incense."
[12] Then the Levites arose, Mahath, the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah; [13] and of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeuel; and of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; [14] and of the sons of Heman, Jehuel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. [15] They gathered their brothers, sanctified themselves, and went in, according to the commandment of the king by Yahweh's words, to cleanse Yahweh's house. [16] The priests went into the inner part of Yahweh's house to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in Yahweh's temple into the court of Yahweh's house. The Levites took it from there to carry it out to the brook Kidron. [17] Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month they came to Yahweh's porch. They sanctified Yahweh's house in eight days, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished. [18] Then they went in to Hezekiah the king within the palace, and said, "We have cleansed all Yahweh's house, including the altar of burnt offering with all its vessels, and the table of show bread with all its vessels. [19] Moreover have we prepared and sanctified all the vessels which king Ahaz threw away in his reign, when he was unfaithful. Behold, they are before Yahweh's altar."
[20] Then Hezekiah the king arose early,

gathered the princes of the city, and went up to Yahweh's house. [21] They brought seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, for the sanctuary, and for Judah. He commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on Yahweh's altar. [22] So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar. They killed the rams, and sprinkled the blood on the altar. They also killed the lambs, and sprinkled the blood on the altar. [23] They brought near the male goats for the sin offering before the king and the assembly; and they laid their hands on them.[24] Then the priests killed them, and they made a sin offering with their blood on the altar, to make atonement for all Israel; for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel.
[25] He set the Levites in Yahweh's house with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet; for the commandment was from Yahweh by his prophets. [26] The Levites stood with David's instruments, and the priests with the trumpets. [27] Hezekiah commanded them to offer the burnt offering on the altar. When the burnt offering began, Yahweh's song also began, along with the trumpets and David king of Israel's instruments. [28] All the assembly worshiped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded. All this continued until the burnt offering was finished.
[29] When they had finished offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves and worshiped. [30] Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praises to Yahweh with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. They sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped.
[31] Then Hezekiah answered, "Now you have

consecrated yourselves to Yahweh. Come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into Yahweh's house." The assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offerings, and as many as were of a willing heart brought burnt offerings. [32] The number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and two hundred lambs. All these were for a burnt offering to Yahweh. [33] The consecrated things were six hundred head of cattle and three thousand sheep. [34] But the priests were too few, so that they could not skin all the burnt offerings. Therefore their brothers the Levites helped them, until the work was ended, and until the priests had sanctified themselves; for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. [35] Also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and with the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of Yahweh's house was set in order. [36] Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced, because of that which God had prepared for the people; for the thing was done suddenly.

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Chapter 30

[1] Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to Yahweh's house at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to Yahweh, the God of Israel. [2] For the king had taken counsel with his princes and all the assembly in Jerusalem to keep the Passover in the second month. [3] For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves in sufficient number, and the people had not gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. [4] The thing was right in the eyes of the king and of all the assembly. [5] So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all

Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover to Yahweh, the God of Israel, at Jerusalem, for they had not kept it in great numbers in the way it is written.
[6] So the couriers went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, "You children of Israel, turn again to Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may return to the remnant of you that have escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. [7] Don't be like your fathers and like your brothers, who trespassed against Yahweh, the God of their fathers, so that he gave them up to desolation, as you see. [8] Now don't be stiff-necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to Yahweh, and enter into his sanctuary, which he has sanctified forever, and serve Yahweh your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. [9] For if you turn again to Yahweh, your brothers and your children will find compassion before those who led them captive, and will come again into this land, because Yahweh your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him."
[10] So the couriers passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even to Zebulun, but people ridiculed them and mocked them. [11] Nevertheless some men of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem. [12] Also the hand of God came on Judah to give them one heart, to do the commandment of the king and of the princes by Yahweh's word.
[13] Many people assembled at Jerusalem to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great assembly. [14] They arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and they took away all the altars for incense and threw

them into the brook Kidron. [15] Then they killed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the second month. The priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt offerings into Yahweh's house. [16] They stood in their place after their order, according to the law of Moses the man of God. The priests sprinkled the blood which they received of the hand of the Levites. [17] For there were many in the assembly who had not sanctified themselves: therefore the Levites were in charge of killing the Passovers for everyone who was not clean, to sanctify them to Yahweh. [18] For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover other than the way it is written. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, "May the good Yahweh pardon everyone [19] who sets his heart to seek God, Yahweh, the God of his fathers, even if they aren't clean according to the purification of the sanctuary."
[20] Yahweh listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people. [21] The children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness. The Levites and the priests praised Yahweh day by day, singing with loud instruments to Yahweh. [22] Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites who had good understanding in the service of Yahweh. So they ate throughout the feast for the seven days, offering sacrifices of peace offerings, and making confession to Yahweh, the God of their fathers.
[23] The whole assembly took counsel to keep another seven days, and they kept another seven days with gladness. [24] For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the assembly for offerings one thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. [25] All the

assembly of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the assembly who came out of Israel, and the foreigners who came out of the land of Israel, and who lived in Judah, rejoiced. [26] So there was great joy in Jerusalem; for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was nothing like this in Jerusalem. [27] Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people. Their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy habitation, even to heaven.

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Chapter 31

[1] Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah, and broke the pillars in pieces, cut down the Asherah poles, and broke down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, also in Ephraim and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.
[2] Hezekiah appointed the divisions of the priests and the Levites after their divisions, every man according to his service, both the priests and the Levites, for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of Yahweh's camp. [3] He also appointed the king's portion of his possessions for the burnt offerings, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths, for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in Yahweh's law. [4] Moreover he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might give themselves to Yahweh's law. [5] As soon as the commandment went out, the children of Israel gave in abundance the first fruits of grain, new wine, oil, honey, and of all the increase of the field; and they brought in

the tithe of all things abundantly. [6] The children of Israel and Judah, who lived in the cities of Judah, also brought in the tithe of cattle and sheep, and the tithe of dedicated things which were consecrated to Yahweh their God, and laid them in heaps.
[7] In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. [8] When Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed Yahweh and his people Israel. [9] Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites about the heaps. [10] Azariah the chief priest, of the house of Zadok, answered him and said, "Since people began to bring the offerings into Yahweh's house, we have eaten and had enough, and have plenty left over, for Yahweh has blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store."
[11] Then Hezekiah commanded them to prepare rooms in Yahweh's house, and they prepared them. [12] They brought in the offerings, the tithes, and the dedicated things faithfully. Conaniah the Levite was ruler over them, and Shimei his brother was second. [13] Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiah were overseers under the hand of Conaniah and Shimei his brother, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king and Azariah the ruler of God's house. [14] Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the gatekeeper at the east gate, was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute Yahweh's offerings and the most holy things. [15] Under him were Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their office of trust, to give to their brothers by divisions, to the great as well as to the small; [16] in addition to those who were listed by genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even everyone who entered into Yahweh's house, as the duty of every day required, for their service in their offices according to their

divisions; [17] and those who were listed by genealogy of the priests by their fathers' houses, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their offices by their divisions; [18] and those who were listed by genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation; for in their office of trust they sanctified themselves in holiness. [19] Also for the sons of Aaron the priests, who were in the fields of the pasture lands of their cities, in every city, there were men who were mentioned by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all who were listed by genealogy among the Levites.
[20] Hezekiah did so throughout all Judah; and he did that which was good, right, and faithful before Yahweh his God. [21] In every work that he began in the service of God's house, in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

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Chapter 32

[1] After these things and this faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, entered into Judah, and encamped against the fortified cities, and intended to win them for himself. [2] When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that he was planning to fight against Jerusalem, [3] he took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the springs which were outside of the city, and they helped him. [4] So, many people gathered together and they stopped all the springs and the brook that flowed through the middle of the land, saying, "Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find abundant water?"
[5] He took courage, built up all the wall that was broken down, and raised it up to the towers, with the other wall outside, and strengthened Millo in David's city, and made

weapons and shields in abundance. [6] He set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the wide place at the gate of the city, and spoke encouragingly to them, saying, [7] "Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid or dismayed because of the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude who is with him; for there is a greater one with us than with him. [8] An arm of flesh is with him, but Yahweh our God is with us to help us and to fight our battles." The people rested themselves on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.
[9] After this, Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem, (now he was before Lachish, and all his power with him), to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who were at Jerusalem, saying, [10] Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria, "In whom do you trust, that you remain under siege in Jerusalem? [11] Doesn't Hezekiah persuade you, to give you over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, 'Yahweh our God will deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?' [12] Hasn't the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, 'You shall worship before one altar, and you shall burn incense on it?' [13] Don't you know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands in any way able to deliver their land out of my hand? [14] Who was there among all the gods of those nations which my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of my hand? [15] Now therefore don't let Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you in this way. Don't believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my hand, and out of the hand of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you out of my hand?"

[16] His servants spoke yet more against Yahweh God, and against his servant Hezekiah. [17] He also wrote letters insulting Yahweh, the God of Israel, and speaking against him, saying, "As the gods of the nations of the lands, which have not delivered their people out of my hand, so shall the God of Hezekiah not deliver his people out of my hand." [18] They called out with a loud voice in the Jews' language to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city. [19] They spoke of the God of Jerusalem as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the work of men's hands.
[20] Hezekiah the king and Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, prayed because of this, and cried to heaven.
[21] Yahweh sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains, in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. When he had come into the house of his god, those who came out of his own bowels* killed him there with the sword. [22] Thus Yahweh saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria and from the hand of all others, and guided them on every side.[23] Many brought gifts to Yahweh to Jerusalem, and precious things to Hezekiah king of Judah; so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations from then on.
[24] In those days Hezekiah was terminally ill, and he prayed to Yahweh; and he spoke to him, and gave him a sign. [25] But Hezekiah didn't reciprocate appropriate to the benefit done for him, because his heart was lifted up. Therefore there was wrath on him, and on Judah and Jerusalem.[26] Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that Yahweh's wrath didn't come on them in the days of Hezekiah.

[27] Hezekiah had exceedingly much riches and honor. He provided himself with treasuries for silver, for gold, for precious stones, for spices, for shields, and for all kinds of valuable vessels;[28] also storehouses for the increase of grain, new wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of animals, and flocks in folds. [29] Moreover he provided for himself cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him abundant possessions. [30] This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper spring of the waters of Gihon, and brought them straight down on the west side of David's city. Hezekiah prospered in all his works.
[31] However concerning the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

[32] Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his good deeds, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.[33] Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the ascent of the tombs of the sons of David. All Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem honored him at his death. Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

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*__32:21__ i.e., his own sons

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Chapter 33

[1] Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. [2] He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, after the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh cast out before the children of Israel. [3] For

he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; and he raised up altars for the Baals, made Asheroth, and worshiped all the army of the sky, and served them. [4] He built altars in Yahweh's house, of which Yahweh said, "My name shall be in Jerusalem forever." [5] He built altars for all the army of the sky in the two courts of Yahweh's house. [6] He also made his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom. He practiced sorcery, divination, and witchcraft, and dealt with those who had familiar spirits, and with wizards. He did much evil in Yahweh's sight, to provoke him to anger. [7] He set the engraved image of the idol, which he had made, in God's house, of which God said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever. [8] I will not any more remove the foot of Israel from off the land which I have appointed for your fathers, if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them, even all the law, the statutes, and the ordinances given by Moses."[9] Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that they did more evil than did the nations whom Yahweh destroyed before the children of Israel.
[10] Yahweh spoke to Manasseh, and to his people; but they didn't listen. [11] Therefore Yahweh brought on them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh in chains, bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.
[12] When he was in distress, he begged Yahweh his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. [13] He prayed to him; and he was entreated by him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that Yahweh was God.
[14] Now after this, he built an outer wall to

David's city, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entrance at the fish gate. He encircled Ophel with it, and raised it up to a very great height; and he put valiant captains in all the fortified cities of Judah. 15 He took away the foreign gods, and the idol out of Yahweh's house, and all the altars that he had built in the mountain of Yahweh's house, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. 16 He built up Yahweh's altar, and offered sacrifices of peace offerings and of thanksgiving on it, and commanded Judah to serve Yahweh, the God of Israel. 17 Nevertheless the people sacrificed still in the high places, but only to Yahweh their God.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel, behold, they are written among the acts of the kings of Israel. 19 His prayer also, and how God was entreated of him, and all his sin and his trespass, and the places in which he built high places, and set up the Asherah poles and the engraved images, before he humbled himself: behold, they are written in the history of Hozai.*20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house; and Amon his son reigned in his place.

21 Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. 22 He did that which was evil in Yahweh's sight, as did Manasseh his father; and Amon sacrificed to all the engraved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them. 23 He didn't humble himself before Yahweh, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but this same Amon trespassed more and more. 24 His servants conspired against him, and put him to death in his own house. 25 But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king

in his place.

*__33:19__ or, the seers

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Chapter 34

1 Josiah was eight years old when he began
to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in
Jerusalem. 2 He did that which was right in
Yahweh's eyes, and walked in the ways of
David his father, and didn't turn away to the
right hand or to the left. 3 For in the eighth
year of his reign, while he was yet young,
he began to seek after the God of David his
father; and in the twelfth year he began to
purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high
places, the Asherah poles, the engraved
images, and the molten images. 4 They
broke down the altars of the Baals in his
presence; and he cut down the incense
altars that were on high above them. He
broke the Asherah poles, the engraved
images, and the molten images in pieces,
made dust of them, and scattered it on the
graves of those who had sacrificed to
them. 5 He burned the bones of the priests
on their altars, and purged Judah and
Jerusalem. 6 He did this in the cities of
Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, even to
Naphtali, around in their ruins. 7 He broke
down the altars, and beat the Asherah poles
and the engraved images into powder, and
cut down all the incense altars throughout
all the land of Israel, then returned to
Jerusalem.
8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign,
when he had purged the land and the
house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah,
and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and
Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to
repair Yahweh his God's house. 9 They came
to Hilkiah the high priest, and delivered the

money that was brought into God's house, which the Levites, the keepers of the threshold, had gathered from the hands of Manasseh, Ephraim, of all the remnant of Israel, of all Judah and Benjamin, and of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. [10] They delivered it into the hands of the workmen who had the oversight of Yahweh's house; and the workmen who labored in Yahweh's house gave it to mend and repair the house. [11] They gave it to the carpenters and to the builders, to buy cut stone and timber for couplings, and to make beams for the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. [12] The men did the work faithfully. Their overseers were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to give direction; and others of the Levites, who were all skillful with musical instruments. [13] Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and directed all who did the work in every kind of service. Of the Levites, there were scribes, officials, and gatekeepers.

[14] When they brought out the money that was brought into Yahweh's house, Hilkiah the priest found the book of Yahweh's law given by Moses. [15] Hilkiah answered Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the book of the law in Yahweh's house." So Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.

[16] Shaphan carried the book to the king, and moreover brought back word to the king, saying, "All that was committed to your servants, they are doing. [17] They have emptied out the money that was found in Yahweh's house, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and into the hand of the workmen." [18] Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has delivered me a book." Shaphan read from it to the king.

[19] When the king had heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes. [20] The king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam the son of

Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, [21] "Go inquire of Yahweh for me, and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is Yahweh's wrath that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept Yahweh's word, to do according to all that is written in this book."
[22] So Hilkiah, and they whom the king had commanded, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter), and they spoke to her to that effect.
[23] She said to them, "Yahweh, the God of Israel says: 'Tell the man who sent you to me,[24] "Yahweh says, 'Behold, I will bring evil on this place, and on its inhabitants, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah. [25] Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath is poured out on this place, and it will not be quenched.' " ' [26] But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of Yahweh, you shall tell him this, 'Yahweh, the God of Israel says: "About the words which you have heard, [27] because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God, when you heard his words against this place, and against its inhabitants, and have humbled yourself before me, and have torn your clothes, and wept before me, I also have heard you," says Yahweh. [28] "Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be gathered to your grave in peace. Your eyes won't see all the evil that I will bring on this place and on its inhabitants." ' "
They brought back word to the king.
[29] Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. [30] The king went up to Yahweh's house, with all

the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the Levites, and all the people, both great and small; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in Yahweh's house. [31] The king stood in his place, and made a covenant before Yahweh, to walk after Yahweh, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. [32] He caused all who were found in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand. The inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. [33] Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that belonged to the children of Israel, and made all who were found in Israel to serve, even to serve Yahweh their God. All his days they didn't depart from following Yahweh, the God of their fathers.

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Chapter 35

[1] Josiah kept a Passover to Yahweh in Jerusalem. They killed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. [2] He set the priests in their offices, and encouraged them in the service of Yahweh's house. [3] He said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to Yahweh, "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built. It will no longer be a burden on your shoulders. Now serve Yahweh your God, and his people Israel. [4] Prepare yourselves after your fathers' houses by your divisions, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son. [5] Stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brothers the children of the people, and let there be for each a portion of a fathers'

house of the Levites. [6] Kill the Passover, sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brothers, to do according to Yahweh's word by Moses."
[7] Josiah gave to the children of the people, of the flock, lambs and young goats, all of them for the Passover offerings, to all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bulls. These were of the king's substance. [8] His princes gave for a freewill offering to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, the rulers of God's house, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand six hundred small livestock, and three hundred head of cattle. [9] Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah, Jeiel, and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, gave to the Levites for the Passover offerings five thousand small livestock and five hundred head of cattle.
[10] So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites by their divisions, according to the king's commandment. [11] They killed the Passover, and the priests sprinkled the blood which they received of their hand, and the Levites skinned them. [12] They removed the burnt offerings, that they might give them according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the children of the people, to offer to Yahweh, as it is written in the book of Moses. They did the same with the cattle. [13] They roasted the Passover with fire according to the ordinance. They boiled the holy offerings in pots, in cauldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the children of the people. [14] Afterward they prepared for themselves and for the priests, because the priests the sons of Aaron were busy with offering the burnt offerings and the fat until night. Therefore the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests the sons of Aaron. [15] The singers the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the

commandment of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the gatekeepers were at every gate. They didn't need to depart from their service, because their brothers the Levites prepared for them.
16 So all the service of Yahweh was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings on Yahweh's altar, according to the commandment of king Josiah. 17 The children of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. 18 There was no Passover like that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet, nor did any of the kings of Israel keep such a Passover as Josiah kept, with the priests, the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 19 This passover was kept in the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah.
20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt went up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates, and Josiah went out against him. 21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, "What have I to do with you, you king of Judah? I come not against you today, but against the house with which I have war. God has commanded me to make haste. Beware that it is God who is with me, that he not destroy you."
22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and didn't listen to the words of Neco from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. 23 The archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, because I am seriously wounded!"
24 So his servants took him out of the chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had, and brought him to Jerusalem; and he died, and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. 25 Jeremiah lamented

for Josiah, and all the singing men and singing women spoke of Josiah in their lamentations to this day; and they made them an ordinance in Israel. Behold, they are written in the lamentations. [26] Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his good deeds, according to that which is written in Yahweh's law, [27] and his acts, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

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Chapter 36

[1] Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's place in Jerusalem. [2] Joahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. [3] The king of Egypt removed him from office at Jerusalem, and fined the land one hundred talents of silver and a talent* of gold. [4] The king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. Neco took Joahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.
[5] Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. He did that which was evil in Yahweh his God's sight. [6] Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against him, and bound him in fetters to carry him to Babylon. [7] Nebuchadnezzar also carried some of the vessels of Yahweh's house to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.[8] Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah; and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.
[9] Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem. He did

that which was evil in Yahweh's sight. [10] At the return of the year, king Nebuchadnezzar sent and brought him to Babylon, with the valuable vessels of Yahweh's house, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.
[11] Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. [12] He did that which was evil in Yahweh his God's sight. He didn't humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from Yahweh's mouth. [13] He also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God; but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart against turning to Yahweh, the God of Israel. [14] Moreover all the chiefs of the priests, and the people, trespassed very greatly after all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted Yahweh's house which he had made holy in Jerusalem. [15] Yahweh, the God of their fathers, sent to them by his messengers, rising up early and sending, because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place; [16] but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets, until Yahweh's wrath arose against his people, until there was no remedy.
[17] Therefore he brought on them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or gray-headed. He gave them all into his hand. [18] All the vessels of God's house, great and small, and the treasures of Yahweh's house, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. [19] They burned God's house, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all of its valuable vessels. [20] He carried those who had escaped from the sword away to Babylon, and they were servants to him and his sons

until the reign of the kingdom of Persia, [21] to fulfill Yahweh's word by Jeremiah's mouth, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. As long as it lay desolate, it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.
[22] Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that Yahweh's word by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, Yahweh stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, [23] "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'Yahweh, the God of heaven, has given all the kingdoms of the earth to me; and he has commanded me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, Yahweh his God be with him, and let him go up.' "

*__36:3__ A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds or 965 Troy ounces